

PROGRAM

2024 67th Annual

West Virginia Youth in Government

April 25-27, 2024

Youth Governor
Ella Waters

Hedgesville YLA

Youth Chief Justice
Cole Thomas

James Monroe YLA

Tomorrow's Leaders Start Today





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YLA Advisors

THANK YOU to our local YLA Advisors who guide, mentor, encourage, and challenge our YLA teens to learn, grow, and make differences for good.

Participation in YLA Youth in Government as well as all YLA programs is possible because of their efforts.



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Section I: Welcome

From the Desk of the Youth Governor

Hello all, and welcome to the 67th session of West Virginia Youth in Government!

It is my great honor to welcome each of you to Charleston for this event. As we gather from places along the country roads, I ask that you embrace your roots and hold close your beliefs. These personal components make up who you are and allow you to influence government processes with your own unique perspective. This event has a long history of changing lives across the state, and I am hopeful that this session will be no different for you. I urge you to make this the most fulfilling experience possible through meeting others and participating in the activities of state government. Your engagement this weekend demonstrates your passion for leadership and creates hope for the future of our great state. As Governor, I would like to thank you for being here and committing to the improvement of West Virginia.

Continually, I would like to thank each advisor, parent, and Youth Leadership Association staff member for your support and dedication to the Youth in Government program. Without your efforts, this weekend would not have been possible. To the YLA office, thank you for creating an experience that cannot be replicated. Your mentorship and love have made this program all that it is, and the youth of West Virginia could not be more fortunate to have your guidance.

My Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ella G. Waters'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Ella G. Waters
2024 West Virginia Youth Governor



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Section I: Welcome continued

From the Desk of the West Virginia Youth Chief Justice

Hello, everyone!

For those of you that I have yet to meet, my name is Cole Thomas and I will be serving as the West Virginia Youth Chief Justice for this year's Youth in Government. The Youth Leadership Association has served as a forerunner in my education, permitting me to discover my passion and intended career choice. Through the judicial program, I have debated and won all of my cases, served as an Associate Justice, and this year will be serving as the Chief Justice. After high school, I plan to attend Bethany College to double major in Political Science and Business Administration/Medical Administration, and declare the Pre-Law route.

My advice for everyone attending Youth in Government this year is to make the most out of this opportunity. Not only has this event brought me countless friendships but a vast understanding of government. Make sure to be argumentative and educated during your cases, or speak up during your legislative session. The Youth Leadership Association has been a critical landmark in my development as a future leader, and I strongly encourage everyone present to take advantage of this incredible opportunity!

I hope that everyone here has an incredible experience and that the Youth Leadership Association will mean as much to them as it does to me.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cole Thomas' in a cursive script.

Cole Thomas

Youth Chief Justice of West Virginia



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Section II: Important Information

2024 Student Legislature Schedule

Thursday, April 25, 2024		
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Registration	Charleston Boardroom
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Lunch on your own	
11:45 - 12:00 p.m.	Meeting with Officers Candidates	Conference Room 230
12:00 - 12:15 p.m.	2024 Officers Meeting	Conference Room 230
12:15 - 12:30 p.m.	Advisors Meeting	Conference Room 230
12:45 p.m.	Take Buses to Capitol	
1:15 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Group Meetings:</p> Committee Chairs & Vice Chairs Lobbyists and Lobbyist Advisor Press Delegates and Press Advisor Pages Meet and Page Advisor	Bill Coordinator Table Outside the House Chamber at the YLA staff table across from Bill Coordinator Table
1:50 p.m.	All Members Convene Students with Role in Opening Session, House & Senate Members Advisors, Judicial, Lobbyists, and Press	House Chamber Locations for Specific Groups Below) House Floor Gallery
2:00 p.m.	Joint Session of the Model Legislature & Supreme Court Presiding Opening Prayer Pledge of Allegiance Ascertain a Quorum	House Chamber Chief Justice Tim Armstead , WV Supreme Court of Appeals Hannah Willis , House Chaplain, James Monroe YLA Delegate Bryce Isner , Grafton YLA House Delegate Opal Huffman , Ripley Senate Senator Colin Savage , Preston
	Escort Committee:	Lincoln Amos , Wirt Co. YLA China Lambert , Wyoming East YLA Ben Supple , Point Pleasant YLA Hope Lamb , Lewis Co. YLA
	Oath of Office - Representing the WV Supreme Court of Appeals	Justice Haley Bunn
	Welcome	George Manahan , 2024 Spirit of the Mountains Honoree Ella Waters , Youth Governor, Hedgesville Cole Thomas , Youth Chief Justice, Monroe
	Certificates of Office	Mac Warner , Secretary of State
	Presented to:	Delegate Marra Tharp , John Marshall Senator Sophie Jenkins , Ripley Justice Nick Albright , Hedgesville
Closing		



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2024 Student Legislature Schedule

3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Legislative Instructions	House Chamber
3:25 - 3:45 p.m.	Committee Orientation	Individual Committee Rooms
3:45 - 4:20 p.m.	House & Senate in Committee	
4:30 - 5:20 p.m.	House & Senate in Session	
5:30 p.m.	Board Buses to Return to Hotel	Bus Loop and the Cultural Center
6:00 p.m.	Move into Hotel Rooms	
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Dinner on your own	
	Games, Get to Know One Another, Teambuilding	Embassy Ballroom AB
8:30 - 11:00 p.m.	Gather in Ballroom AB for entertainment so not to disturb other guests. Please be quiet in the hallways.	
11:30 p.m.	In your OWN room and QUIET (Curfew 11:30 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.)	
Friday April 26, 2024		
6:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	Embassy Suites
8:30 a.m.	Buses to the Capitol	
8:45 - 9:15 a.m.	House & Senate in Committee	
9:25 - 10:30 a.m.	House & Senate in Session	
10:40 - 11:10 a.m.	House & Senate in Committee	
11:20 - 12:20 p.m.	House & Senate in Session	
12:20 - 1:45 p.m.	Lunch on your own	
1:45 - 2:05 p.m.	Group Picture	Front Steps of Capitol
2:10 - 2:40 p.m.	House & Senate in Committee	
2:50 - 4:50 p.m.	House & Senate in Session	
5:00 p.m.	Board Buses to Return to Hotel	Bus Loop and the Cultural Center
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own	
8:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Game Room	Embassy Conference Room 230
	Governors Dance	Embassy Salon AB
11:30 p.m.	In your OWN room and QUIET (Curfew 11:30 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.)	
Saturday April 27 2024		
6:00 --7:45 a.m.	Breakfast at hotel	Embassy Suites
	Move all luggage out of your hotel room	Capitol Boardroom
8:00 a.m.	Buses to the Capitol	
8:15 - 8:30 a.m.	House & Senate in Committee for Legislation	
8:30 - 8:45 a.m.	Complete Exit Surveys in Committee	
8:45 a.m.	Pass out Ballots - DO NOT VOTE UNTIL YOU GET TO THE HOUSE OR SENATE CHAMBER	
8:55 - 10:15 a.m.	Senate & House in Session for Legislation Consideration	
10:15 - 10:50 a.m.	Election of House and Senate Officers	
11:00 a.m.	Joint Session of the Model Legislative & Supreme Court	
	Election of 2025 Youth Governor	
	Achievements of 2024 Legislature	Ella Waters, Youth Governor
	Achievements of 2024 Supreme Court	Cole Thomas, Youth Chief Justice
	Installation of Officers 2025	Cole Thomas, Youth Chief Justice
	Concluding Remarks	David King, YLA Executive
12:00 p.m.	Board Buses to Return to Hotel	Bus Loop and the Cultural Center
12:15 p.m.	Have a safe trip home!	



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2024 Student Judicial Schedule

Thursday, April 25, 2024					
12:45 p.m.	All Judicial Delegates take buses to Capitol				
2:00 p.m.	Joint Session of the Model Legislature and Model Supreme Court Judicial Delegates sit in Balcony		House Chamber		
3:10 - 3:20 p.m.	Introductions, get acquainted, and Practice Cases		Supreme Court		
Case 1: Sandra Pittman v Doctor Eugene Roland					
3:20 - 3:40 p.m.	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff	
	Rosslyn St. Clair	LeiAnn Richmond	Cate Milliman	Pacey Frum	
	Paige Amos	Katherine Viars			
Justices: Cole Thomas, Nick Albright, Joan Wilkerson, Maggie Conrad, Jacob Boyette					
3:40 - 3:50 p.m.	Discussion & Wrap up Case #1				
Case 2: State v Barton					
3:50 - 4:10 p.m.	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff	
	Olivia Hanna	Shelby Plants	Alexis Wuchner	Ash Roth	
	Kamryn Watson	Ben Supple			
Justices: Ethan Freed, Thomas Lyons, Jesse Pappalianna, Tripp McMillion, Lila Roman					
4:10 - 4:20 p.m.	Discussion & Wrap up Case #2				
Case 3: American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) v City of Beckley					
4:20 - 4:40 p.m.	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff	
	Allison McGraw	Grace Gatts	Carol Russell	Shyann Hurst	
	Cheyenne Harvey	Zoe Zervos			
Justices: Cole Thomas, LeiAnn Richmond, Kristofer Halstead, Katelyn Duckworth, Kerstyn Clendenen					
4:40 - 4:50 p.m.	Discussion & Wrap up Case #3				
Case 4: Elizabeth Campbell v The State of West Virginia					
4:50 - 5:10 p.m.	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff	
	Raleigh Jackson	Rylie Surface	Gracie Hunter	Kollin Hatfield	
	Bryer Surface	Emma Mann			
Justices: Nick Albright, Peyton Trippett, Lilly St. Clair, Alana Kaniecki, Delaney Pearson					
5:10 - 5:20 p.m.	Discussion & Wrap up Case #4				
5:30 p.m.	Board Bus back to hotel		Bus loop Culture Center Side		
6:00 p.m.	Move into your hotel room				
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Dinner on your own				
Entertainment					
8:30 - 11:00 p.m.	Gather in Salon AB for entertainment so not to disturb other guests. Please be quiet in the hallways.			Embassy Salon AB	
11:30 p.m.	In your OWN room and QUIET (Curfew 11:30 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.)				
Friday, April 26, 2024					
6:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast		Embassy Suites		
8:30 a.m.	All Judicial Delegates take buses to Capitol				



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2024 Student Judicial Schedule – Friday, April 26, 2024 continued

8:45 - 9:05 a.m.	Case 5: City of Clendenin v Evans			
9:05 - 9:15 a.m. Wrap up & Discussion Case #5	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Maggie Conrad	Carol Russell	Danni Dunbar	Kylee Johnson
	Brendolynn Williams	Lincoln Amos		
Justices: Cole Thomas, Brodie Baker, Cameron McCord, Bryer Surface, Rylie Surface				
9:15 - 9:35 a.m.	Case 6: Knights of the Ku Klux Klan v WV Department of Administration General Services Division			
9:35 - 9:45 a.m. Wrap up & Discussion Case #6	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Kollin Hatfield	Catherine Milliman	Jamie Collins	Joelle Gonchoff
Justices: Ethan Freed, Sydney Barnhart, Emily Suarez, Olivia Hanna, Rileigh Jackson				
9:45 - 10:05 a.m.	Case 7: Matthew Price v McDowell County Board of Education			
10:05 - 10:15 a.m. Wrap up & Discussion Case #7	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Peyton Trippett	Kerstyn Clendenen	Paige Amos	Katherine Viars
Justices: LeiAnn Richmond, Alina Holliday, Amelia Kaste, Abbi Mathis, Lylla Shorter				
10:15 - 10:35 a.m.	Case 8: John Newhouse & Anthony Bishop v Calvin Myles			
10:35 - 10:45 a.m. Wrap up & Discussion Case #8	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Tripp McMillion	Lilly St. Clair	Brendolynn Williams	Kami Watson
	Lainey Taylor			
Justices: Thomas Lyons, Pacey Frum, Grace Gatts, Allie McGraw, Ben Supple				
10:45 - 11:05 a.m.	Case 9: State v Smithers			
11:05 - 11:15 a.m. Wrap up & Discussion Case #9	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Shyann Hurst	Danni Dunbar	Jesse Pappaianni	Jacob Boyette
	Lylla Shorter	Kristofer Halstead		
Justices: Ethan Freed, Cole Thomas, Jamie Collins, Cheyenne Harvey, Ash Roth				
11:15 - 11:35 a.m.	Case 10: Wheeling City Commission v Devon Jackson			
11:35 - 11:45 a.m. Wrap up & Discussion Case #10	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Brodie Baker	Lila Roman	Rosslyn St. Clair	Ben Supple
	Cameron McCord	Emily Suarez		
Justices: Nick Albright, Thomas Lyon, Lincoln Amos, Paige Amos, Gracie Hunter				
11:45 - 12:05 pm	Case 11: State of West Virginia v Jeffrey L. Chandler			
12:05 - 12:15 pm Wrap up & Discussion Case #11	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Joan Wilkerson	Alexis Wuchner	Katelyn Duckworth	Rileigh Jackson
	Kylee Johnson			
Justices: Cole Thomas, Ethan Freed, Zoe Zervos, Emma Mann, Brendolynn Williams				
12:15 - 1:45 pm	Lunch on your own			
1:45 - 2:05 pm	Group Picture - Front steps of Capitol Building			



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2:20 - 2:40 pm	Case 12: The State of West Virginia v Anthony Baggins			
2:40 - 2:50 pm Wrap up & Discussion Case #12	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Alana Kaniecki	Amelia Kaste	Bryer Surface	Rylie Surface
	Sydney Barnhart	Jacob Boyette		
Justices: Nick Albright, Joelle Gonchoff, Kollen Hatfield, Shyann Hurst, LeiAnn Richmond				
2:50 - 3:10 pm	Case 13: State of WV v Sam Tolson			
3:10 - 3:20 pm Wrap up & Discussion Case #13	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Delaney Pearson	Pacey Frum	Cheyenne Harvey	Lylla Shorter
	Justices: Thomas Lyons, Ethan Freed, Danni Dunbar, Kylee Johnson, Catie Milliman			
3:20 - 3:40 pm	Case 14: State of West Virginia v Claxton			
3:40 - 3:50 pm Wrap up & Discussion Case #14	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Ash Roth	Alina Holiday	Kerstyn Clendenen	Tripp McMillion
	Gracie Hunter	Joelle Gonchoff		
Justices: Cole Thomas, LeiAnn Richmond, Katerine Viars, Lanie Taylor, Shelby Plants				
3:50 - 4:10 pm	Case 15: Hill v Department of Health & Human Resources			
4:10 - 4:20 pm Wrap up & Discussion Case #15	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Katelyn Duckworth	Jamie Collins	Abbi Mathis	Peyton Trippett
		Jesse Pappaianni		
Justices: Thomas Lyons, Carol Russell, Kami Watson, Alexis Wuchner, Rosslyn St. Clair				
4:20 - 4:40	Case 16: Randozo-Capone v Olivia's International, Inc.			
4:40 - 4:50 pm Wrap up & Discussion Case #15	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Abigail Mathis	Elizabeth Adkins	Zoe Zervos	Cameron McCord
	Justices: Cole Thomas, Nick Albright, Thomas Lyons, Ethan Freed, LeiAnn Richmond			
5:00 pm	Bus to hotel - Bus Loop Culture Center - See LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE FOR EVENING ACTIVITIES			

Saturday, April 27, 2024

6:00 - 7:45 a.m.	Breakfast	Embassy Suites
	Move All Luggage	Charleston Boardroom
8:00 a.m.	All Judicial Delegates take buses to Capitol	
8:15 - 10:45 a.m.	Youth Justice Review Opinions	
	Exit Surveys, Suggestions and Improvements for 2025 ELECTION of 2025 Youth Chief Justice	
11:00 a.m.	Joint Session of the Model Legislature and Model Supreme Court	House Chamber
	Justices Sit In Balcony	
	Election of 2025 Youth Governor	
12:00 p.m.	Buses back to the Hotel	Bus Loop at Culture Center
12:15 p.m.	Have a safe trip home!	

Section III: YLA and Youth in Government Leadership

2024 Youth in Government Leadership

Name	Title	School
Ella Waters	Governor	Hedgesville
Cole Thomas	Chief Justice	Monroe County
Thomas Sibold	President of the Senate	Monroe County
Liam Savage	Speaker of the House	Preston County



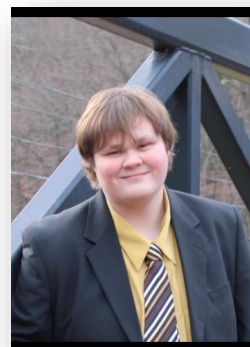
Ella G. Waters
Youth Governor



Cole Thomas
Youth Chief Justice

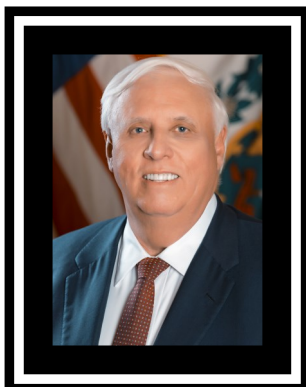


Thomas Sibold
Youth
President of the
Senate

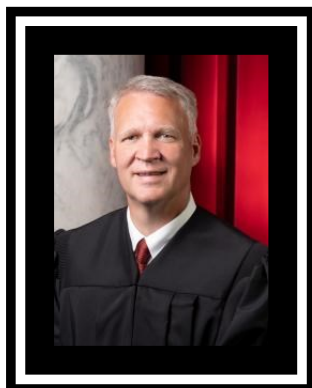


Liam Savage
Youth
Speaker of the
House

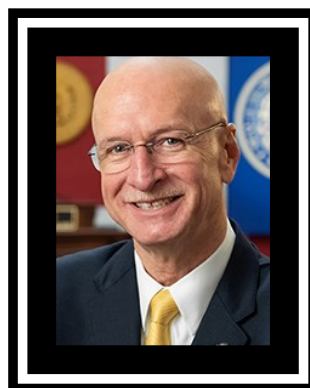
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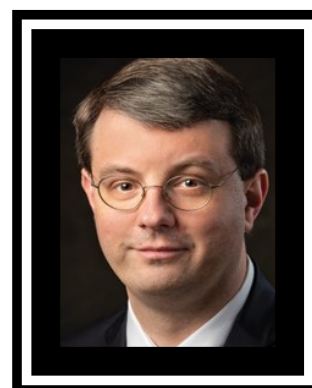
Jim Justice
Governor



Tim Armstead
Chief Justice



Craig Blair
President of the Senate



Roger Hanshaw
Speaker of the House



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YLA Board Officers

Name	Position	Residence
David Runkle	President	Catonsville, MD
Aaron Stockmeister	Vice President	Cincinnati, OH
Lynne Crow	Secretary	Gallipolis, OH
Joe Caltrider	Treasurer	Charles Town, WV

YLA Board Members

Name	Residence	Name	Residence
Jared Cannon	Charleston, WV	Rachel Havas	Columbus, OH
Angie Domico-Cox	Elizabeth, WV	Riley Keaton	Spencer, WV
Tess Elshoff	New Bremen, OH	Conrad Lucas	Charleston, WV
Michael French	Columbus, OH	Sean McCabe	West Chester, OH
Clare Gordon	Columbus, OH	Karen Price	Charleston, WV
Jessica Greathouse	So. Charleston, WV	Steve Volk	Milford, OH
Chris Hamilton	Charleston, WV		

YLA Board Members Emeritus

Name	Residence	Name	Residence
Mark Cannon	Reston, VA	Sarah Minear	Morgantown, WV
Charles Creamer	Lebanon, OH	Gordon R. Thorn	Morgantown, WV
Ellen Goodwin	Morgantown, WV		

YLA Mission and Vision

YLA's Mission

We believe that helping youth achieve their full potential is our primary mission. We seek to help youth develop leadership and citizenship skills for a lifelong commitment to service through character building programs for all that strengthen spirit, mind, and body.

YLA's Vision

People with a YLA experience will be in every community helping to create better futures for all.



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Section IV: Leadership and Award Recipient History

Youth in Government Leadership History

Year	State Chairman	State Director	Youth Chief Justice	Youth Governor
1958	Cecil Underwood	A. R. Deiss		Rebecca Colebank
1960	Cecil Underwood	A. R. Deiss		Douglas E. McKinney
1963	Thompson Chandler	Walter I. Jacoby		David Wellman
1964	Thompson Chandler	Walter I. Jacoby		James Lynch
1965	Thompson Chandler	Walter I. Jacoby		Lawrence Crofford
1966	Thompson Chandler	Walter I. Jacoby		Mike Reed
1967	Thompson Chandler	Robert J. Miller		Ty Cobb
1968	Thompson Chandler	Richmond Wright		Jerry F. Mick
1970	Thompson Chandler	Richmond Wright		Reese H. Fuller
1971		Linn Holloway		Charles G. Hornick
1972		David King		Howard Purdum
1973		David King		Christopher Dean
1974		David King		Jimmy Cook
1975		David King		William Price
1976		David King		Suellen Tweel
1977		David King		Renick Perry
1978		David King		Midge Sayers
1979	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King		Deborah Stiles
1980	Gus Douglass	David King		Terry Echols
1981	Gus Douglass	David King		Rob Klepadlo
1982	Roy Truby	David King		Robert Harris
1983	Roy Truby	David King		Craig Fugaro
1984	Emma Lou Milhorn	David King		Malisa Smith
1985	Emma Lou Milhorn	David King		Robert Whitmore
1986	A. James Manchin	David King		Christi Goosman
1987	A. James Manchin	David King		Karen Lovitch
1988	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King		Joe Caltrider
1989	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Karl Dotson	Raymund Dala
1990	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Karl Dotson	Don Bruce
1991	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Michelle Russell	Kelley Jones
1992	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Juliet Huffman	Joseph T. Cooper
1993	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Adam Jones	Mary Taylor
1994	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Jaimee Stuchell	Chad Stallard
1995	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Jenny Huffman	Chris Groves
1996	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Mary Anne Clendenin	Brad Wilson
1997	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Amanda Jones	Ryan Gutwald
1998	W. Richard Staton	David King	Grant Dragan	Laurel Lackey
1999	W. Richard Staton	David King	Grant Dragan	Jonathan Bandy



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Youth in Government Leadership History (continued)

Year	State Chairman	State Director	Youth Chief Justice	Youth Governor
2000	W. Richard Staton	David King	Bobbie Godbey	Lori Hildreth
2001	W. Richard Staton	David King	Jennifer Stewart	Ryan Lewis
2002	W. Richard Staton	David King	Angie Nida	Scott Yates
2003	W. Richard Staton	David King	Dollie Rollins	Ryan Donovan
2004	W. Richard Staton	David King	Carrie Staton	Joseph Hagy
2005	W. Richard Staton	David King	Shane Dragan	James Staten
2006	W. Richard Staton	David King	Aliy Bossert	Ben Love
2007	W. Richard Staton	David King	Rebecca Mitchem	Andrew Koerber
2008	W. Richard Staton	David King	Samuel Lovejoy	Cameron Wilson
2009	W. Richard Staton	David King	Dylan Adams	Isaac Picklesimer
2010	W. Richard Staton	David King	Jaci Goodwin	Jordan Lovejoy
2011	W. Richard Staton	David King	Alex Trembly	Taylor Fealy
2012	W. Richard Staton	Lois Nelson	Bryce Staton	Varun Menon
2013	Roman W. Prezioso	David King	Michaela Winfrey	Brett Atkinson
2014	Roman W. Prezioso	Thomas Starr	Jacob Boyce	Ashley Barlow
2015	Roman W. Prezioso	Thomas Starr	Corrin Lewis	Tyler Jenkins
2016	Roman W. Prezioso	Thomas Starr	Corrin Lewis	Roark Sizemore
2017	Roman W. Prezioso	Thomas Starr	Tabby Palomo	Matthew Meadows
2018	Roman W. Prezioso	David Runkle	Sami Frazier	Bryce Dickerson
2019	Roman W. Prezioso	Chandler Grooms	Brady Davis	Jacob Shull
2020	Roman W. Prezioso	David Cooper	Kasey Lyons	Carter Brown
2021	Roman W. Prezioso	David Cooper	Jada Stutts	Matthew Goff
2022	Paul Espinosa	David Cooper	Lauren Ballard	Matthew Goff
2023	Paul Espinosa	Tony Antonini	Madisen McMillion	Luke Jackson
2024	Paul Espinosa/Craig Blair	David King	Cole Thomas	Ella G. Waters

Spirit of the Mountain Recipients

2004	Jessica Lynch	2013	Governor Gaston Caperton, III
2005	Governor Cecil Underwood	2014	Sylvia Mathews-Burwell
2006	Ed Maier	2015	Major General James A. Hoyer
2007	David & Susan Hardesty	2016	Governor Earl Ray & First Lady Joanne Jaeger Tomblin
2008	Senator Jay D. Rockefeller, IV	2017	Brad D. & Alys Smith
2009	Bill Raney	2018	Dr. E. Gordon Gee
2010	Gayle C. Manchin	2022	Roger Hanshaw, WV Speaker of the House
2011	James H. "Buck" Harless	2023	Justice Thomas E. McHugh
2012	David L. King	2024	George Manahan

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West Virginia Department of Education

West Virginia Supreme Court

YLA Chapter Advisors

West Virginia Treasurer's Office

Kanawha Co. Schools Transportation Dept.

West Virginia Youth in Government Committee

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West Virginia Capitol and Embassy Suites

Charleston, West Virginia